GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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GRANTS TO STATES FOR LIFT IRRIGATIONS SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grants are being given by the Government to the States for lift irrigation schemes run by marginal farmers and farming groups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance provided to the State Governments during the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES AND WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV)

(a) The Central Government is providing Central Assistance under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for such approved major/medium irrigation projects proposed by the States which are in an advanced stage of construction and beyond the resources capability of the States that can be completed in four financial years. With effect from 1999-2000, the surface water Minor Irrigation Schemes of special category States (North-Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal and undivided Kalahandi, Bolangir and Korapat districts of Orissa) are also eligible for central assistance under AIBP. Grant component has been introduced under the programme since 2004-05. There is no scheme by which Lift Irrigation Schemes run by marginal farmers and farming groups are being funded by the Central Government.

(b) Does not arise.